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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC \$ 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 1. Claims 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka et al. '286.

Regarding Claims 5-10, Tanaka et al. '286 discloses in Fig. 1-4 the invention as claimed to include a main body constituted by a pipe 1 (known in the art with broad range of E and I), a steering bracket 4, a bracket 12, a U shaped stay 2, a reinforcing member 9, 10,

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Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record in attached Notice of Reference Cited (PTO-892) and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. This art of record shows various features similar to the applicant's invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kiran B. Patel whose telephone number is 703-305-0254. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan, can be reached on 703-308-3102. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-3522 for regular communications and 703-308-3297 for After Final communications.

Kiran B. Patel
Primary Examiner
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